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Dear Madam:

We, Erik Christensen, Andrew Layman, and Henrik Frystyk Nielsen, do declare and say as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter recited in the claims of the present application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/073,670).
2. We have reviewed the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 relating to the present application. Our understanding is that the Examiner has cited "Draft: Discovery of Web Services (DISCO)" (the "DISCO Document") against the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a). We have further read the DISCO Document.
3. The DISCO Document was published in July 2000 on <http://msdn.microsoft.com>, which is the Microsoft developer network. The subject matter of the DISCO Document was derived from us.

4. The present application is based on an earlier provisional application filed on February 9, 2001, which is within one year of publication of the Draft DISCO Document.

5. Appendix A includes a final version of the DISCO document. The subject matter of the final version of the DISCO Document was derived from us.

6. Appendix B includes an email thread dated July 7, 2000. The email thread includes inventor comments for suggested revisions to the DISCO Document. The email thread also includes a link to an internally updated version of the DISCO Document associated with the <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm> link of the email thread dated July 7, 2000.


7. Appendix C includes a printout of the internally updated version of the DISCO Document associated with the <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm> link of the email thread dated July 7, 2000.

8. The subject matter of the internally updated version of the DISCO Document associated with the <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm> link of the email thread dated July 7, 2000 was derived from us.


9. Appendix D is a printout of the source code of the internally updated version of the DISCO Document associated with the <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm> link of the email thread dated July 7, 2000. Page 1 of the source code identifies the author as ">erik<." The alias "erik" is the internal Microsoft alias for Erik Christensen.

10. We further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.


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Erik Christensen

Date: OCT 24, 2006

  
Andrew Layman

Date: OCT 24, 2006

  
Henrik Frystyk Nielsen

# APPENDIX A

# Discovery of Web Services (DISCO)

Early Draft, 06 July 2000

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## Introduction

Web Services are described in one or more related documents using the SOAP Contract Language (SCL). This document proposes how SCL documents can be retrieved for a resource or collection of resources, e.g. how information about a service is **discovered**. Note that this discovery algorithm it is not limited to discovering information about web services; it can be used to find metadata about any resource.

There are other existing mechanisms for discovery (DAV, RDF, ...) that are just as valid for discovering services. This document does not attempt to be an exhaustive list but instead proposes two lightweight mechanisms that are likely to work with existing infrastructure.

## Notational Conventions

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC-2119 [2].

The namespace prefixes "disco", "scl", "schema" and "soap" used in this document are associated with the DISCO namespaces "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/", "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/scl/", "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/schema/" and "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/soap/".

## Status

This draft represents the current thinking with regard to discovery of services within Microsoft. It is published by Microsoft for the purpose of informing interested parties of the current state of that thinking, not as a finished proposal or commitment to implement. Microsoft will not allow early implementation to constrain its ability to make changes to this specification prior to final release.

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## 1. Discovery Algorithm

The discovery algorithm is based on the existence of a discovery document format (an XML grammar). A discovery

document is the result of performing discovery on a resource. A discovery document contains links to other resources describing or otherwise related to the resource (Service Contracts, Schemas, etc). A discovery document may refer to related discovery documents. The details of the discovery document format are covered in section 2.

The following algorithm allows a client to retrieve a discovery document given the URL of a resource. The algorithm is independent of what the URL represents. For example, it could be the URL of the site, the URL of a folder within the site, the URL of a particular service within the site, etc.

To obtain the discovery document *D* associated with a URL *U*:

- ❖ Perform an HTTP GET on *U* producing response *R*
- ❖ If the HTTP content-type of *R* is "text/xml":
  - If *R* contains a discovery document, it is the discovery document *D*
  - Otherwise, if there is an xml-stylesheet processing instruction within the content of *R* with at least the following attribute values:
    - type='text/xml'
    - alternate='yes'
    - href='U2'
 Then
    - Perform an HTTP GET on *U2* producing response *R2*
    - If *R2* contains a discovery document, it is the discovery document *D*
    - Otherwise, there is no discovery document *D* available for *U*
  - Otherwise, there is no discovery document *D* available for *U*
- ❖ If the HTTP content-type of *R* is "text/html":
  - If there is an occurrence of a LINK tag within the content of *R* with at least the following attribute values:
    - type='text/xml'
    - rel='alternate'
    - href='U2'
 Then
    - Perform an HTTP GET on *U2* producing response *R2*
    - If *R2* contains a discovery document, it is the discovery document *D*
    - Otherwise, there is no discovery document *D* available
  - Otherwise, there is no document *D* available for *U*

The following MUST be true in order for an HTTP response to be considered a discovery document:

- ❖ The content-type of the HTTP response is "text/xml".
- ❖ The name of the root XML element conforms to the discovery document format.
- ❖ Either the XML namespace is not specified, or it matches that of the discovery document format.

See <http://www.w3.org/TR/xml-stylesheet/#XML> for more information on the xml-stylesheet processing instruction.  
 See <http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/struct/links.html#edef-LINK> for more information on HTML's LINK element.

## 2. Discovery Document Format

The discovery document format is a container for elements that typically contain links (URLs) to resources that provide discovery information. If the URL's are relative, they are assumed to be relative to the location of the discovery document.

The following example discovery document refers to another discovery document, a Service Contract document, a schema document, and HTML based documentation for the service.

```
<disco:discovery>
  <disco:discoveryRef ref='folder/discovery' />

  <-- elements from other namespaces -->
```

```
</disco:discovery>
```

The schema for the discovery document is neutral as to what types of things are being discovered. It relies on elements from other namespaces to provide the actual linking mechanisms specific to a resource type or category.

The only linking element defined intrinsically is **discoveryRef**, which refers to another discovery document. The value of the **ref** attribute is the URL of the discovery document.

Discovery documents may include the XML namespace "<http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/>" for the **discovery** tag. Programs processing these documents **MUST** read and understand the namespace and **SHOULD** reject documents where the namespace is present and different.

Programs processing discovery documents **SHOULD** ignore any unrecognized elements under the **discovery** tag to allow extensibility of the format.

A discovery document **MAY** have an XML style sheet processing instruction.

## 3. SCL and discovery

The following elements are defined by the XML namespace "<http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/scl/>" for use within discovery documents.

### 3.1 contractRef

The **contractRef** element refers to service defined using the SOAP Contract Language (SCL). The value of the **ref** attribute is the URL of the document. The value of the optional **docRef** attribute is the URL to human readable documentation for the service.

The following example refers to two service contracts:

```
<disco:discovery>
  <scl:contractRef ref='my1.sdl'>
  <scl:contractRef ref='my2.sdl' docRef='my.htm'>
</disco:discovery>
```

## 4. Schemas and discovery

The following elements are defined by the XML namespace "<http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/schema/>" for use within discovery documents.

### 4.1 schemaRef

The **schemaRef** element refers to an XML schema. The value of the **ref** attribute is the URL of the schema. The optional **targetNamespace** attribute indicates the namespace of the schema.

The following example refers to two schemas:

```
<disco:discovery>
  <schema:schemaRef ref='my1.xsd' targetNamespace='http://my.org/my1.xsd' />
  <schema:schemaRef ref='my2.xsd' />
</disco:discovery>
```

## 5. SOAP and discovery

The following elements are defined by the XML namespace "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/soap/" for use within discovery documents.

## 5.1 soap

The **soap** element specifies the location of a soap service with a particular soap **binding** that has been defined in a SCL document. The **binding** attribute contains a QName value. The URI portion of the QName refers to the targetNamespace of a SCL document. The name portion of the QName refers to a **binding** within that SCL document. The value of the **address** attribute is the URL of the soap service.

The following example provides information about two web services:

```
<disco:discovery>
  <soap:soap binding='myl:binding1' address='my1'>
  <soap:soap binding='myl:binding2' address='my1'>
  <soap:soap binding='myl:binding1' address='my2'>
</disco:discovery>
```

Although this information is available by reading a SCL document, this lightweight mechanism allows easier processing by clients attempting to find the location of a service with a known binding.

# APPENDIX B



**From:** Erik Christensen (FX) [erikc@microsoft.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2000 4:21 PM  
**To:** John Shewchuk; Andrew Layman; Charles Fitzgerald; John Montgomery  
**Cc:** Sara Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

okay, one more time. updated version on <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm> and attached.

-erik  
<<disco.css>> <<disco.htm>>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** John Shewchuk  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2000 3:42 PM  
**To:** Andrew Layman; Charles Fitzgerald; John Montgomery  
**Cc:** Erik Christensen (FX); Sara Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

Sorry typo. SOAP Contract Language is correct. Long couple of days ;-)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Andrew Layman  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2000 3:37 PM  
**To:** John Shewchuk; Charles Fitzgerald; John Montgomery  
**Cc:** Erik Christensen (FX); Sara Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

Then you need to change the Intro slightly, which says "SOAP Contract Language."

-----Original Message-----

**From:** John Shewchuk  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2000 3:35 PM  
**To:** Andrew Layman; Charles Fitzgerald; John Montgomery  
**Cc:** Erik Christensen (FX); Sara Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

That is correct.

Just checked with CharlesF and he wants it to be SOAP Control Language.

-John

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Andrew Layman  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2000 3:06 PM  
**To:** Erik Christensen (FX); John Shewchuk; Sara Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

The Disco doc refers to "Service Description Language (SDL)". I gather this should now be "SOAP Contract Language (SCL)".

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Erik Christensen (FX)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 3:03 PM  
To: Andrew Layman; John Shewchuk; Sara Williams  
Subject: RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

Here is the updated disco spec. I will call Sarah now.

<< File: disco.css >> << File: disco.htm >>  
Also on <http://magnet/disco/disco.htm>.

-Erik

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Layman  
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 2:21 PM  
To: John Shewchuk; Sara Williams  
Cc: Erik Christensen (FX)  
Subject: RE: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...

Sara called me and said her mail is not working, best to phone her.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Shewchuk  
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 2:17 PM  
To: Sara Williams  
Cc: Andrew Layman; Erik Christensen (FX)  
Subject: Before printing the Disco spec ErikC wants to do a couple of quick edits...  
Importance: High

# APPENDIX C



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    - href='U2'
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  <soap:soap binding='my1:binding1' address='my2'>
</disco:discovery>
```

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```

                                disco
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
<!-- saved from url=(0026)http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP/ -->
<html xmlns:v="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:vml"
xmlns:o="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office"
xmlns:w="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:word"
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40">

<head>
<meta http-equiv=Content-Type content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
<meta name=ProgId content=Word.Document>
<meta name=Generator content="Microsoft Word 9">
<meta name=Originator content="Microsoft Word 9">
<link rel=File-List href="/disco_files/filelist.xml">
<title>Service Contract Language (SCL)</title>
<!--[if gte mso 9]><xml>
  <o:DocumentProperties>
    <o:Author>erikc</o:Author>
    <o:LastAuthor>erikc</o:LastAuthor>
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}
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mso-font-pitch:variable;
mso-font-signature:0 268435456 0 0 -2147483648 0;}
/* Style Definitions */
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margin-bottom:.0001pt;
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font-size:12.0pt;
font-family:"Times New Roman";
mso-fareast-font-family:"Times New Roman";}
h1
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mso-margin-bottom-alt:auto;

```

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```
margin-left:.3in;
text-indent:-.3in;
mso-pagination:widow-orphan;
mso-outline-level:1;
mso-list:l1 level1 lfo2;
tab-stops:list .3in;
font-size:24.0pt;
font-family:"Times New Roman";
mso-font-kerning:18.0pt;
font-weight:bold;}
```

h2

```
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mso-margin-top-alt:auto;
mso-margin-bottom-alt:auto;
margin-left:.4in;
text-indent:-.4in;
mso-pagination:widow-orphan;
mso-outline-level:2;
mso-list:l1 level2 lfo2;
tab-stops:list .4in;
font-size:18.0pt;
font-family:"Times New Roman";
font-weight:bold;}
```

h3

```
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mso-list:l1 level3 lfo2;
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font-family:"Times New Roman";
font-weight:bold;}
```

h4

```
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text-indent:-.6in;
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font-weight:bold;}
```

h5

```
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font-size:13.0pt;
font-family:"Times New Roman";
font-weight:bold;}
```

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mso-bidi-font-size:12.0pt;  
font-family:"Times New Roman";  
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margin-bottom:.0001pt;  
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<p class=Msonormal>Web Services are described in one or more related documents
using the SOAP Contract Language (SCL).<span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</span>
</span>This document proposes how SCL documents can be retrieved for a resource
or collection of resources, e.g. how information about a service is <b
style='mso-bidi-font-weight:normal'>discovered</b>.<span style="mso-spacerun:
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discovering information about web services; it can be used to find metadata
about any resource.</p>

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<p class=Msonormal>There are other existing mechanisms for discovery (DAV, RDF,
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<h1><a name="\_Toc487621057"><![if !supportLists]>1.<span style='font:7.0pt "Times New Roman"'>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span><![endif]>Discovery Algorithm</a></h1>

<p class=MsoNormal>The discovery algorithm is based on the existence of a discovery document format (an XML grammar).<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>A discovery document is the result of performing discovery on a resource.<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>A discovery document contains links to other resources describing or otherwise related to the resource (Service Contracts, Schemas, etc).<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>A discovery document may refer to related discovery documents.<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>The details of the discovery document format are covered in <a href="#\_Discovery\_document\_format">section 2</a>.</p>

<p class=MsoNormal><![if !supportEmptyParas]>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;<![endif]><o:p></o:p></p>

<p class=MsoNormal>The following algorithm allows a client to retrieve a discovery document given the URL of a resource.<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>The algorithm is independent of what the URL represents.<span style="mso-spacerun:yes">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></span>For example, it could be the URL of the site, the URL of a folder within the site, the URL of a particular service within the site, etc.</p>

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<p class=MsoNormal>To obtain the discovery document <b><i>D</i></b> associated with a URL <b><i>U</i></b>:</p>

<p class=MsoNormal style='margin-left:.25in;text-indent:-.25in;mso-list:l0 level1 lfo8; tab-stops:list .25in'><![if !supportLists]><span style='font-family:Wingdings'>v<span

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which refers to another discovery document.<span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span>The value of the <b>ref </b>attribute is the URL of the discovery document.</p>

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<p class=MsoNormal>Discovery documents may include the XML namespace &#8220;http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/&#8221; for the <b>d</b><b style='mso-bidi-font-weight: normal'>iscovery</b> tag.<span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span>Programs processing these documents <b style='mso-bidi-font-weight: normal'>MUST </b>read and understand the namespace and <b>SHOULD</b> reject documents where the namespace is present and different.</p>

<p class=MsoFootnoteText><![if !supportEmptyParas]>&nbsp;<![endif]><o:p></o:p></p>

<p class=MsoNormal>Programs processing discovery documents <b>SHOULD</b> ignore any unrecognized elements under the <b style='mso-bidi-font-weight: normal'>discovery</b> tag to allow extensibility of the format. </p>

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<p class=MsoNormal>A discovery document <b>MAY </b>have an XML style sheet processing instruction.</p>

<h1><a name="\_Toc487621059"><![if !supportLists]>3.<span style='font:7.0pt "Times New Roman"'>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></a></h1></span><![endif]>SCL and discovery</a></h1>

<p class=MsoNormal>The following elements are defined by the XML namespace &#8220;http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/disco/scl/&#8221; for use within discovery documents.</p>

<h2><a name="\_Toc487621060"><![if !supportLists]>3.1<span style='font:7.0pt "Times New Roman"'>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></a></h2></span><![endif]>contractRef</a></h2>

<p class=MsoNormal>The <b>contractRef </b>element refers to service defined using the SOAP Contract Language (SCL).<span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span></span>The value of the <b>ref </b>attribute is the URL of the document.<span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span></span>The value of the optional <b>docRef </b>attribute is the URL to human readable documentation for the service.</p>

<p class=MsoNormal><![if !supportEmptyParas]>&nbsp;<![endif]><o:p></o:p></p>

<p class=MsoNormal>The following example refers to two service contracts:</p>

<p class=Code>&lt;/disco:discovery>&gt;</p>

<p class=Code><span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span>&lt;/scl:contractRef ref=&#8217;my1.sdl&#8217;&gt;</p>

<p class=Code><span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </span>&lt;/scl:contractRef ref=&#8217;my2.sdl&#8217; docRef=&#8217;my.htm&#8217;&gt;</p>

<p class=Code>&lt;/disco:discovery>&gt;</p>

<h1><a name="\_Toc487621061"><![if !supportLists]>4.<span style='font:7.0pt "Times New Roman"'>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span></a></h1></span><![endif]>Schemas and discovery</a></h1>



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<p class=Code><span style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</span>&lt;soap:soap
binding=&#8217;my1:binding1&#8217; address=&#8217;my2&#8217;&gt;</p>
<p class=Code>&lt;/disco:discovery&gt;</p>
<p class=MsoNormal><![if !supportEmptyParas]>&nbsp;<![endif]><o:p></o:p></p>
<p class=MsoNormal>Although this information is available by reading a SCL
document, this lightweight mechanism allows easier processing by clients
attempting to find the location of a service with a known binding.</p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
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